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## **TOURING SULLIVAN COUNTY'S MUSEUM**

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Very often an obituary will prompt an article and such was the case of Walter Weed's obituary from the Sullivan Review of June 23, 1920:

"Walter Weed of Bernice died at the Packer hospital at Sayre, this Wednesday morning, at the age of 27 years. Mr. Weed was injured in the Connell mines about three weeks ago and was taken to the hospital where it was found necessary to amputate both his legs. Until a very short time

before he died he seemed to be resting comfortably when lock jaw set in which was the immediate cause of death. He is survived by his wife and four small children, also his father and mother, two sisters and two brothers all of whom reside in Bernice. The body will be removed to his home this afternoon. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made." [Buried at Trinity Lutheran, he was the son of Alvin & Addie M. Dieffenbach Weed.]

Moving on to an April 1933 edition of the Sully's front page news comes this: "Fatal Accident – A fatal accident occurred in the Monahan Mines at Forksville, Wednesday evening when Frank Subaticanic of Murray was caught under a fall of rock and instantly killed. His companion had just let the place in which they were working when the accident happened. The first fall of rock imprisoned him and a short time later a second fall of rock crushed his life out. Working rapidly about 100 tons of rock had to be removed before the body was recovered. Dr. Dailey and the Tubach ambulance from Dushore were summoned. The body was brought to the Tubach undertaking parlor at Dushore and later taken to his home at Murray. Mr. Subaticanic was 35 years of age and came to Murray about 2 years ago from Pittsburgh. He is survived by his wife, Anna Eurena Subaticanic. Funeral service will be held Saturday morning. Burial in the Greek Catholic cemetery at Lopez."

Many photos exist with the mining compilings within this museum. One popular one is of the Murray Breaker near Lopez, taken in 1907 by Randal Douglas because (at that time) "it was one of the tallest breakers ever built in northeastern Pennsylvania. Coal was hauled out on the Lehigh Valley Railroad to points in New York State." But to truly appreciate the work efforts of the men, we decided to show this week's photo of an actual mine entrance. Can you imagine going in there where despite the time of day or weather conditions it would always be dark. A small lamp on your helmet produced some light from kerosene and perhaps there'd be lanterns hung about from wooden beamed supports. And, the mountain of earth above you could come crashing down at any moment. There can be danger in most any job we perform, but these men . . . it had to be that absolute knowledge that their danger was ever present.

For these and more background to the history of Sullivan County, you can call for an appointment 570-946-5020 or reach us through email at [museum@scpahistory.com](mailto:museum@scpahistory.com) We invite you to also visit our web site at [scpahistory.com](http://scpahistory.com) or see us on facebook.